



The rugby world cup starts on Friday 9 september 2011.

The All Blacks first game is against Tonga and is also the first game of the world cup. The RWC happens every 4 years. Over 1,000,000 tickets have been sold so far. The last rugby world cup was held in France and this one is in New Zealand. Since it is in New Zealand it will help the team.

Team



Forwards:

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Ali Williams

Andrew Hore
Anthony Boric

Ben Franks
Brad Thorn

Corey Flynn
Jerome Kaino

John Afoa
Keven Mealamu

Kieran Read
Owen Franks

Richie McCaw
Samuel Whitelock

Tony Woodcock
Victor Vito



Backs:

Andrew Ellis
Colin Slade

Conrad Smith
Cory Jane

Dan Carter
Isaia Toeava

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Introduction

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The Rugby World Cup 2011 is the most talked about and biggest event to ever hit New Zealand. But what is it? And why is it so important? As a nation that claims rugby as its national sport, many New Zealanders see the Rugby World Cup as New Zealand's chance to prove they are the best in the world and, not only that, but to showcase ourselves to the world as we host thousands of tourists and other country's teams.

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Main idea 1: What the Rugby World Cup is

The rugby world cup is a event that happens every four years with twenty teams that play. The event started in 1987. The twenty teams play for a cup called the Webb Ellis cup.

I think it may have been useful to maybe discuss some of the main teams in the competition: NZ, South Africa, Australia, England, France - and maybe to discuss the varying skills of teams e.g. like when Australia plays the USA.

14/9/11 Main idea 2: What is rugby?

Rugby is a game that you have to get to your line and place the ball down without getting tackled. Here's a pretty basic rule: DON'T drop the ball. There are fifteen players on the field, eight on the sideline and in total there is thirty in the squad. Here is a link to a website you can find the rules: <http://activenewzealand.com/resources/rugby-rules.php>

This idea may have been better first - it makes sense to explain what rugby is before you explain a rugby competition.

I think you could have added more detail here about the game of rugby: played on a field with an egg shaped ball that is carried and passed up and down the field. The aim of the game is to score points through tries (getting the ball across the oppositions end line), conversions (kicking the ball over the H shaped goal posts in the centre at the baselines) and through drop-kick goals, which are kicked during the natural play of the game. Other points can also be scored through penalties. You may also include key plays in rugby: kick-to-touch, scrums, line-outs, mauls etc. This would give an audience much more information and then you could have said about the numbers of players and referred them to your website for further rules.

Main idea 3: Team set out and pools

In the rugby world cup there are 4 pools pool A,B,C and D in pool A there's New Zealand,Tonga,Japan,France and Canada.In pool B there's Scotland, England, Romania, Georgia and Argentina.In pool C there's Australia, Ireland,USA,Italy and Russia.In pool D there's South Africa,Namibia,Samoa,Wales and Fiji.The field is set out

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I think it would be more useful to explain how the tournament works: e.g. There are four pools of teams, with five teams in each pool. Each team plays all the other teams in their pool. After this, the top two teams from each team go through to the quarter finals where teams play-off to get into the semi-finals and then the final game.

It is good that you have outline the teams in each pool but I think, if I was someone who knew nothing about rugby (which I am - I had to check with my husband about some of these details!), I would need you to explain not only the teams in the pool but how they compete and advance in the competition.